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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: Because, the Government considered that the Officer, in his own way, examined the case and he thought that what he did was just. Even before the judgment was given, the Law Department was consulted and the Home Department was also consulted and everybody thought that it was right. Therefore, the Government thought that there was no necessity to take any action against the Officer.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Even though it may not be possible to place a copy of the judgment on the table of the House, may I know the gist of the structures?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: A separate question may be asked, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Do the Government feel that the judgment given by the High Court is wrong?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: No, Sir. The Government do not say that it is wrong or right. But, the Government consider that what the Officer did was right.

Grant to Tiruchirappalli District Board for school buildings

* 196 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tiruchirappalli District Board applied for grant for payment of 25 per cent contribution towards the construction of buildings for District Board schools under the Local Development Schemes;

(*b*) the amount of grant applied for and the amount sanctioned; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay in sanctioning the grant?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) The District Board has applied for a grant of various works, including construction of buildings for schools, taken up under Local Development, N.E.S. and Community Projects Works Programmes.

(*b*) The amount of grant applied for is Rs. 2,10,595 for 1956–57 and Rs. 87,850 for 1958–59.

The amount of grant sanctioned is 'Nil' for 1956–57 and Rs. 87,850 for 1958–59;

The amount of grant sanctioned is 'Nil' for 1956–57 and Rs. 87,850 for 1958–59;

(*c*) For 1956–57 the District Board was not eligible for any grant. For 1958–59 the application was received in February 1959 and orders sanctioning the grant were issued in March 1959.